

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF
WASTEWATER SYSTEM OPERATORS
MINUTES
October 20, 2009**

The following are minutes of the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater System Operators held October 20, 2009 at the Division of Compliance Assistance in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Board Members Present

David Pedigo, chairman
Larry Grubbs, vice chairman
Gary Epperson
Dr. Andrew Ernest
Dennis Gumbert
Aaron Keatley

Others

Lisa Butler, Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA)
Julia Kays, DCA
Melisa Brothers, KWWOA

I. Call to Order

David Pedigo called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

II. Guest Introduction and Guest Comments

Melissa Brothers, KWWOA was introduced to the board.

Melissa discussed KWWOA's plan to offer classes to help operators that are having problems passing the certification exam. The classes are planned to be small mentoring groups. Each operator's test breakdown will be used to give specific instruction for the areas that they are having difficulty with. The class will spend two days working on the operator's problem areas. The plan is to start offering this type of class sometime in January 2010 and to hold it before certification exam events so the information will be fresh on their minds.

She also explained that participants in the classes will receive a guarantee that they will pass the exam or they can take the class a second time free of charge. Individuals that are brand new operators will also receive one year of free membership in KWWOA. The continuing education requirements will be explained to the operator and they will also receive a brochure of available classes and an offer to take an online class at no charge.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the September 15, 2009 minutes was entered by Dennis Gumbert. Larry Grubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. New Business

- A. Training Requests (Addendum 1)
- B. Exam Requests (Addendum 2)
- C. A motion to release today's training actions was made by Larry Grubbs. Garry Epperson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

V. Communications

- A. Lisa distributed the September 2009 financial statement
- B. Julia Kays gave the board an update on the regulation packet. After the Statement of Consideration period it was decided to change the Operator in Training (OIT) certification. The proposed regulations would add the OIT classification for all levels and types of certification. An OIT cannot be in responsible charge under the OIT certification. However, an OIT can be in responsible charge under their active certification that does not have an OIT designation. The responsible charge would only be permissible for the level of the facility allowed by their active certification without the OIT designation. The regulations would also require the OIT operator to have a mentor. The mentor can only serve mentorship to one OIT operator at a time. The mentor would not be held responsible for actions taken by the OIT operator unless they instruct the OIT to violate the requirements in 401 KAR 11:020. The operator in training would also be held accountable to the requirements in 401 KAR 11:020. The mentor would be required to send in a letter to the certification program confirming that the OIT operator obtained the needed experience. If the OIT should lose his mentor, they would be required to obtain another mentor. The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee is scheduled to review the regulations in November. There will be a second review in December and if there aren't problems the regulations will go into effect in December. At the time of approving these minutes, the regulation package has been deferred until the December ARRS meeting.

VI. Executive Session

Dennis Gumbert entered a motion for the board to enter executive session to discuss a complaint and potential disciplinary issues. Larry Grubbs seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board went into executive session at 11:10 am.

The board returned from executive session at 11:35. A motion was entered by Larry Grubbs for Julia to gather additional information relating to the complaint. She will contact the board when the information is received. The motion was seconded by Gary Epperson. The motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

Gary Epperson entered a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Andrew Ernest seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Exam Requests

Request Number	Provider Name	Name of Training	Date of Training	WW Hours Requested	WW Board Comments	WW 1st	WW 2nd	WW Motion passed	WW process hours approved	WW process TCH #
1330	Atlas Machine & Supply	Trouble Shooting Control Panels	9/22/2009	2.5		GE	LG	X	2.5	7576
1332	Veolia Water North America	OSHA 10 hour	8/26/2009	10	Three hours not core content	DP	LG	X	7.0	7601
1333	Georgetown Water & Sewer Service	Permit Required Confined Space	9/22/2009	4		GE	DG	X	4.0	7579
1350	Northern Kentucky Water District	DOT Flagger Training	10/6/2009	2.0	Not on the core content list.	LG	GE	X	0	
1352	Cole Publishing Inc.	2009 Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo	2/24/2010	9.0	Maximum 9 hours - sessions approved are checked	AE	DG	X	9.0	7598
1334	MSD of Louisville	Ethics	10/20/2009	1.5		DG	GE	X	1.5	7581

Request Number	Provider Name	Name of Training	Date of Training	WW Hours Requested	WW Board Comments	WW 1st	WW 2nd	WW Motion passed	Request Number	Provider Name
1342	Louisville Water Company	Building Trust	9/24/2009	2.0		DG	GE	X	2.0	7589
1343	North Central Chapter KWWOA	NCKWWOA & EKWWOA Fall Conference	11/2/2009	15.0		DP	GE	X	15	7590
1345	Environmental Business Specialists, LLC	Activated Sludge Training	10/9/2009	9		DP	LG	X	9.0	7592
1346	Ohio Water Environment Assoc.	2009 Plant Operations & Laboratory Analysis Specialty Workshop	9/23/2009	7.0	Registration session not approved	LG	GE	X	6.5	7593

Exam Requests

Request #	Name	AI #	Date Received by DCA	Application Type	If Reciprocity State & Current Certification	Status: Approved, Conditional Approval, Denied)	Comments	1st	2nd	Motion Carried
87	Michael H. Flynn	27763	9/14/2009	IV Collection		Approved		DG	GE	X
88	Kenneth A. Dryden	32063	9/14/2009	IV Collection		Approved		DG	LG	X
89	Foster E. Taulbee	30085	9/14/2009	IV Collection		Approved		DG	GE	X
90	Glen P. Sims	28661	9/18/2009	IV Collection		Approved		DG	GE	X
91	John W. Chenault	26720	9/18/2009	IV Collection		Approved		DG	GE	X
92	Michael A. Reynolds	103830	9/29/2009	IV Collection		Approved		DG	GE	X
93	Michael a. Pickard	49589	10/1/2009	II Collection	Indiana Grade 2	Approved		DG	LG	X
94	Daniel E. Fey	27630	10/7/2009	IV Collection		Approved		DG	GE	X
95	Timothy W. Bullock	32729	10/15/2009	IV Collection		Approved		DG	LG	X
96	Steven C. Lilly	30895	10/15/2009	IV Collection		Approved		DG	LG	X